

# GET RID OF MOLD

After a flood, mold WILL grow in your home.

It can make you sick.

You WILL need to clean your house thoroughly.

Take outside anything that was wet for 2 or more days. Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them *even if you can't see it.*

Throw out things made of cloth, unless you can wash them in **hot** water. Also throw out anything that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood and carpet).

*When in doubt, throw it out!*

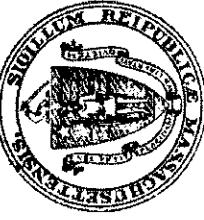


Use a bleach mixture to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates and tools). *Look everywhere in your house for mold.*

Follow these steps in cleaning:



- Mix 1/2 to 1 cup bleach in 1 gallon of water.
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles and a N-95 mask.
- Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- Scrub the surface with a stiff brush if the surface of the item is rough.
- Rinse the item with clean water.
- Dry the item or leave it out to dry.
- Cut out and discard insulation and wallboard from 1 foot above the visible damage mark.



# DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For homeowners, renters and business owners in the Counties of  
Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bristol, Plymouth and Worcester who were  
affected by flooding beginning March 12, 2010

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Deadline  
**800-621-3362**

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Please have the following information available when you call:

- A phone number in case we need to call you back
- Social Security number
- Current mailing address
- Address of the damaged property
- Brief description of the damages
- Insurance information (if you have insurance)

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or economic status.*